The Secret Garden • Worksheet answers

1. What or who do the phrases below describe? Write the answer after each one.

A. a beautiful woman strolling past Mary’s mother.
B. miles of empty land The moor.
C. his wrinkled face creased into a smile Ben Weatherstaff.
D. a hazy, frosty tangle of rose branches The secret garden.
E. a curly-haired boy, with a fawn by his side Colin.
F. dark eyes stared out from an ivory-white face Colin.

2. Circle the two words that have changed places in the sentences below.

A. Mary began to make a hot garden, sticking flowers into the pretend dry earth.
B. Several weeks later, Mary was in a stern-looking carriage, opposite the cold Mrs. Medlock.
C. Mrs. Medlock marched Mary up a huge hall, across steep stairs and along twisting corridors.
D. As soon as Mary hurried into the room, Mrs. Medlock shut the door and stepped off.
E. Tapestries stood on the walls and in the middle hung a vast four-poster bed.
F. Outside the person howled like a lonely wind, as lonely as Mary.

3. Cross out the word in each group which doesn’t mean the same, or almost the same, as the other three.

A. sobbing - moaning - strolling - crying
B. astonishment - charm - amazement - surprise
C. whimpered - retorted - pleaded - begged
D. thin - skinny - scrawny - shadowy
E. nuzzled - snuggled - confided - nestled

4. Match the questions with their answers.

A. “What’s wrong with you?” Just do as I say.”
B. “Are you a ghost?” “Never. I can’t cope with cold air.”
C. “You go outside don’t you?” “It was the garden.”
D. “Are you sure, dear?” “No, are you?”
E. “You’re well! However did it happen?” “I’m weak.”

5. Put the nouns in the right places to complete the paragraph.

“In the garden? thought Mr. Craven. “My beautiful garden!”
As he hurried down the path, he heard laughing in his wife’s old garden laughing in his wife’s old garden’s locked and the garden’s buried.”